



ROLE OF CAPITAL MARKETS IN HELPING TO DELIVER THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

***Policy Dialogue Room: April 21st between 4:30-6pm
Conference Room E***

The Policy Dialogue Room complements the High Level Thematic Debate on 'Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals', hosted by the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

Not delivering the SDGs and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) would be the world's most significant market failure. We all have an important role to play in ensuring these agendas are achieved - governments must go beyond aid and set the right policy framework. Business, capital markets and global investors must also play their part. It is only by working together that we can affect positive change on the scale needed and re-allocate the tens of trillions of private capital, which exists in the capital markets today.

Facilitators:

- **Shari Spiegel**, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Finance for Development Office
- **Felix Dodds**, Tellus Institute

Speakers:

- **Steve Waygood**, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva
- **Fiona Reynolds**, Managing Director, UN PRI
- **Rowan Douglas**, CEO, Capital, Science & Policy Practice and Chairman, Willis Towers Watson
- **Laurence Hazell**, Director, Governance Specialist, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services
- **Linda-Eling Lee**, Managing Director, Global Head of ESG Research, MSCI Inc
- **Møger Pedersen**, CEO, Pension Danmark

Response:

- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice President, European Investment Banks (tbc)
- **Stefano Prato**, Managing Director, Society for International Development
- **Jeremy Oppenheim**, Programme Director, Global Commission for Business and Sustainable Development

Summing up:

- **Aniket Shah**, Global Strategist, Investec Asset Management Group

Guiding questions:

- Are current efforts by the private sector sufficient?
- How can policy-makers and regulators and other public sector actors best collaborate with the private sector to deliver the sustainable development goals?
- What policy incentives and regulations are required to improve Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) reporting as well as long-term investing?
- What is the data/benchmarking gap – focus on one aspect of the financial chain – stock markets and their unique role in mandating listing rules;
- How can the United Nations, in particular the Financing for Development Forum and UN PRI, take forward inclusive discussions on ESG and encouraging good investor behavior; what kind of platform can be developed to bring together stakeholders from the sustainable finance sector to help accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and AAAA?